Statement

(b) The details of losses to Railway property on account of extremist activities (State-wise) during the last three years are as under:—

State	Year (Figure in Rupees)			
	1994	1995	1996	1997
Andhra Pradesh	—	2,07,55,888	2,25,53,600	5,80,96,000
Tamil Nadu		9,21,000	4,12,000	10,00,000
Assam		19,056	2,41,70,520	12,45,000
Bihar			6,78,628	25,00,000
Punjab				
I&K				

Encroachment on Railway Land

1239. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware that railway lands worth crores of rupees arc being encroached upon in different States;

(b) if so, the estimated acres of railway land encroached upon State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remove encroachers and to protect the railway properties?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information about area of railway land under encroachment is not maintained State-wise but Zone-wise, as Railway zones span over more than one State. The details arc as follows:—

Railway	Area of Railway land under encroachment (in hectares)
Central	64
Eastern	85
Northern	900
N.E. Railway	115
N.F. Railway	304
Southern	83
South Central	84
South Eastern	715
Western	107
	2457

(c) Removal of encroachment on Railway land is a continuous process. Regular inspections arc done by officials to prevent fresh encroachments and these are removed as soon as noticed. Regarding old encroachments, action is taken under PPE Act, 1971.

To prevent encroachment on Railway land, construction of boundary wall and fencing in the vulnerable sections are undertaken. Planting of suitable trees/ shrubs including quick growing thorny trees is also done.

Grievances of travelling public

1240. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Northern Railway has recently taken some measures for ventilation of grievances of travelling public;

(b) if so, the details of such measures;